

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Remarks/Amendment of 12/22/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10, 11, 13-18 and 20-22 (renumbered as 1-19).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

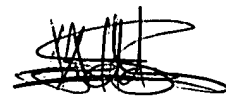
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Hayes (Reg. No 33900) on 06 March 2006.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1: line 1,

"In a communications system, a method comprising the steps of:" has been replaced with --A method comprising the steps of:--

Claim 1: line 10,

"providing at least one of the first location to the calling party and the second location to the called party" has been replaced with -- providing location information including at least one of the first location to the calling party and the second location to the called party--

Claim 10: line 1,

"A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising" has been replaced with --A computer-readable medium storing--

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Claim 11: line 1,

“In a communications system, a method comprising the steps of:” has been replaced with --A method comprising the steps of:--

Claim 15: line 1,

“A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising” has been replaced with --A computer-readable medium storing--

Claim 21: line 1,

“In a communications system having at least one switching system, a method comprising the steps of:” has been replaced with --A method comprising the steps of:--

Claim 21: line 12,

“sending data from a switching system to the second telephone that identifies the second geographic location” has been replaced with --sending location information from a switching system to the second telephone that identifies the second geographic location--

Claim 22: line 1,

“In a communications system having at least one switching system, a method comprising the steps of:” has been replaced with --A method comprising the steps of:--

Claim 22: line 12,

“sending data from a switching system to the first telephone that identifies the first geographic location” has been replaced with --sending location

information from a switching system to the first telephone that identifies the first geographic location--

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13-18 and 20-22** (renumbered as 1-19, respectively) are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The present invention relates to an apparatus and method for providing location information for a calling party to a called party or providing a location for called party to a calling party.

The instant invention with respect to **claim 1**, teaches a method, identifying the uniquely distinct features "sending to a called party at a first location, a telephone call from a calling party having a second location, and, while the call in progress: selecting a granularity value from among a predetermined set of granularity values (as defined by applicant, see page 3, lines 21-31 in the specification); selecting a location display format from among a predetermined set of location display formats; responsive to both the selected granularity and the selected location display format, providing location information including at least one of the first location to the calling party and the second location to the called party."

The closest prior art, **Sheha, U.S. Publication Number 2003/0061804** teaches a method comprising the steps of: sending, to a called party at a first location, a telephone

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call from a calling party having a second location; providing at least one of the first location to the calling party and the second location to the called party. However, Sheha fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations in combination with all the recited limitations of claim 1 obvious, over any of the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

The instant invention with respect to **claim 11**, teaches a method, identifying the uniquely distinct features “establishing a telephone call between a calling party and a user, and, while the call in progress: providing a user with a selection of at least two location display formats; providing the user with a selection of at least two granularity values (as defined by applicant, see page 3, lines 21-31 in the specification); based on the user’s selection of location display format and granularity value, determining location information for the calling party.”

The closest prior art, **Sheha, U.S. Publication Number 2003/0061804** teaches a method comprising the steps of: sending, to a called party at a first location, a telephone call from a calling party having a second location; providing at least one of the first location to the calling party and the second location to the called party. However, Sheha fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations in combination with all the recited limitations of claim 11 obvious, over any of the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

The instant invention with respect to **claim 21**, teaches a method, identifying the uniquely distinct features “placing a telephone call through at least one switching system from a first telephone that is located at a second geographic location, to a

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second telephone that is located at a first geographic location, and while the call is progress: selecting a granularity value from among a predetermined set of granularity values (as defined by applicant, see page 3, lines 21-31 in the specification); selecting a location display format from among a predetermined set of location display formats; responsive to the selected granularity and the selected location display format, sending location information from a switching system to the second telephone that identifies the second geographic location."

The closest prior art, **Alperovich, U.S. Patent Number 6185426** teaches a method comprising the steps of: placing a telephone call through at least one switching system from a first telephone that is located at a second geographic location, to a second telephone that is located at a first geographic location; and sending data from a switching system to the second telephone that identifies the second geographic location and which can be displayed on the second telephone. However, Alperovich fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations in combination with all the recited limitations of claim 21 obvious, over any of the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

The instant invention with respect to **claim 22**, teaches a method, identifying the uniquely distinct features "placing a telephone call through at least one switching system from a first telephone that is located at a second geographic location, to a second telephone that is located at a first geographic location, and while the call is progress: selecting a granularity value from among a predetermined set of granularity values (as defined by applicant, see page 3, lines 21-31 in the specification); selecting a

location display format from among a predetermined set of location display formats;
responsive to the selected granularity and the selected location display format, sending
location information from a switching system to the first telephone that identifies the first
geographic location.”

The closest prior art, **Sheha, U.S. Publication Number 2003/0061804** teaches a method comprising the steps of: placing a telephone call through at least one switching system from a first telephone that is located at a second geographic location, to a second telephone that is located at a first geographic location; and sending data from a switching system to the first telephone that identifies the first geographic location and which can be displayed on the first telephone. However, Sheha fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations in combination with all the recited limitations of claim 22 obvious, over any of the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony S. Addy whose telephone number is 571-272-7795. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00am-6:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano can be reached on 571-272-7925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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